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HOWARD'S CHEVRON SERVICE

by J.D. Williams

Howard's Service tokens from Anchorage are part of most post-statehood Alaska token collections. The set of three brass tokens from Howard C. Thew's Chevron Service at 4th and A Street in Anchorage are respectively: Good for \$5.00 in trade on Atlas Tire; \$2.50 in trade on Atlas battery; and \$1.00 in trade on lube job. Although the tokens are contained in many collections, most of today's collectors know little about Howard Thew. Howard came to Alaska with his wife Mary in 1950 to get away from the Los Angeles rat race where he had previously been operating gas stations. When they got to Tok

Junction he flipped a coin to see whether they should go to Fairbanks or Anchorage and Anchorage won. Soon after his arrival Howard began operating Howard's Service and later also operated the Y Chevron service station in Soldotna. David Phillips lists two Y Service Chevron wooden dollars, one of which is a printing error with a mismatched reverse. The Y Service token was issued when the station was managed by Robert L. Veach.

Howard was an energetic owner and operator and won a number of top sales awards from Chevron. Although the Thews lost their Turnagain home to the great Alaska earthquake in 1964, Howard had his station back up and running within a few days even though he had witnessed part of 4th Avenue sink by a depth of 10 feet. With the loss of their home, the Thews lived at the station until they were able to get other housing. His wife Mary was the bookkeeper for the station.

When there was a gas shortage in the United States in the early 1970s and people were lining up to buy gas, the government enacted price controls limiting the markup of station owners to three cents a gallon. There was even pressure by consumer groups in the states to reduce the mark up to two cents, something to which Howard vociferously objected. With the increased costs of operating a business in Alaska, it was hard enough to make a living with a 3 cent per gallon markup. Howard's experience with price controls may have led him to believe in later years there was nothing wrong with station owners agreeing to establish prices that allowed everyone to make a reasonable profit instead of engaging in cut throat competition. However, Alaska's legislature passed an antitrust law that went into effect in 1975 and three years later the Attorney General opened an antitrust office in Anchorage. In 1980 the first case brought under the act resulted in the indictment for price fixing of Howard Thew and eight other gas station owners who collectively operated 20 stations in the Anchorage area. The case made headlines in Anchorage and it probably didn't help Howard's situation that he was quoted in the May 1, 1980 Anchorage Daily Times as saying, "I can tell you right now they haven't got a chance to prove it." Howard was unaware that undercover officers dressed as waitresses had been eavesdropping on the conversations that the station owners were having during their lunch meetings. Before the end of October 1980 all of the defendants except two had entered plea agreements and paid four or five figure fines and/or agreed to reduce gas prices for certain periods of time. The government dropped charges against one station operator who had cancer, but even though Howard had a stroke the government didn't appear to be inclined to be so kind to



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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This issue is brought to you by J.D. "Doug" Williams. First, it was the Howard Thew article. That leads into the Palmer's Bar article. And since we are on "Palmer," it seemed like a good time to run the Wooden Bingle article. That just left a few spaces for me to fill in. Ah, an easy month for your editor.

Those "filled spaces" include information on David Epsteyn (Juneau B-20), James Hyland (McCarthy B-2), Pantheon Saloon (Skagway B-21), and Oscar Ohman of the Yukon Bar (Juneau B-73).

Ebay was interesting this month. A Dyea token, B-3a sold for \$2,136.11, its first appearance on eBay (see page 130, 2024). Two Valdez Nizina tokens brought respectable prices. Pop's Maggie, The Branch from Seward brought \$406. Some cannery tokens sold for in excess of \$200. Other tokens brought good prices. I think the bargain was the Chitina Overland Hotel, selling for \$100 with only one bidder. It was a bit rough, but still is a good token. And no, the Buckland key fob is not a token, but it is cool.

There is a nice offering of tokens for sale, both new and modern at the end of this issue. Also included is the 2024 compiled Prices Realized. We are working our way through a collection that we purchased. There are some better tokens that will be offered in the future, perhaps by mail bid. Still working on the format.

Over the next few months we will have articles on tokens from Portlock City, Fairbanks, Teller, Katalla, Seward, the Str. Martha Clow, Jack in the Box of Anchorage and much more. Oh, and an essay on Bingles by the Mayor of Haines!

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PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:



Anchorage, Club Card Room, 5¢, B-12unl 56.55



Buckland, ID Key Tag	129.71
Cape Romanzof, NCO Club, \$1 B-1a	81.00
Chitina, Overland Hotel, 6¼¢, B-5a	100.00OB
Dyea, P&K, B-3a, counterstamped HLM	2,136.11
Elmendorf AFB, Civilian Club, \$1, B-1f	6.50
Flat, Joe Parker, 25¢, B-3a	30.00
Gakona, V.T.Co., 50¢, B-unl	57.00
Gakona, V.T.Co., \$1, B-unl	113.61
Gambell, Reindeer Comm. Co., 25¢, B-1d	11.05
Gambier Bay, Hoonah Pkg. Co., \$5, B-1e	271.00
Hawk Inlet, P.E. Harris, 5¢, B-1a	224.72
Juneau, NY Exchange, 10¢, B-53cI	38.89
Ketchikan, Stedman Hotel, 25¢, B-60cIII	4.89
Kivalina, Reindeer & Trading, 5¢, B-1a	7.83
Kodiak, S.S. Yale, \$1, B-16d	495.00OB
Koyukuk, Vernetti, 12½¢, B-3a	13.50
LaTouche, J.W. Little, 12½¢, B-2a	57.65
Nome, Lead Pencil, B-2a	52.02
Nome, CW, good for whatever, B-11q	158.05
Nome, Mulloy, 25¢, B-33a	52.02
Nome, Board of Trade encased cent, 1964	20.00
Noorvik, Cooperative Store, 50¢, B-1d	6.94
Palmer, ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	111.38
Quinhagak, Pauline Jean, 50¢, B-1b	138.29
Seward, The Branch, 12½¢, B-3a	406.00
Seward, Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	58.65
Shishmaref, Native Store, \$1, B-1e	13.50
Skagway, Idaho Saloon, 10¢, B-14a	8.05
Skagway, McCreedy & Elliott, \$10, B-15g	15.50
Skagway, Mascotte, 5¢, B-17a	57.00
Tatalina, Support your club, B-1a	75.00OB
Teller, Teller Comm. Co., 5¢, B-3a	7.38
Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, \$1, B-4cI (S/B)	840.00
Valdez, Nizina, 20¢, B-14b	449.44
Valdez, Nizina, 40¢, B-14c	565.55
Hudson Bay Co., Eastern Arctic, 100	20.51
Hudson Bay Co., Eastern Arctic, 1 "fox"	102.50
A.Y.P.E., encased cent, round	35.00OB

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve;
RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it
now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell;
SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

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Howard who was then the only remaining defendant. News accounts end with the prosecutor telling the press he was in plea negotiations with Howard and Howard's attorney saying Howard was going to defend himself at trial and the other defendants had only settled because of the immense cost of litigating with the government. However Howard retired by the end of 1980 and the station was renamed Mary's Chevron and run by Howard's wife until it was sold two years later and that may have resulted in the resolution of the legal proceedings.

Howard was really incensed by the government's actions against him as he was an active community supporter and engaged in many public service events. As a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary he taught a course in boater safety at Anchorage's Romig Junior High School. And one day while on his boat out of Seward he rescued four people who might have otherwise drowned. Most years he performed more courtesy motorboat safety exams than any one else and the Coast Guard ended up naming its boat safety inspection award the Howard C. Thew Award. Howard also sponsored a number of youth sports teams and Soap Box Derby entrants.

As far as token collecting goes, Howard assembled one of the better Alaska token collections in the 20th Century. Although his collection included LaTouche and Anchorage gold nugget tokens, the Jack Nicoli token



from Kaltag, the Nulato Road House token and other rarities, the one token he was particularly proud of was his 12½¢ Palmers Bar token from Knik. (Ed. Note: see the following article for information on Palmers Bar token).

Howard and his wife were active members of the Totem Coin Club in Anchorage, with Howard serving as president in the 1960s and his wife as Librarian. Totem Coin Club met twice a month and in the 60s and 70s put on a number of coin shows and auctions, as well as bringing a couple million dollar displays to Anchorage.



In 1968 when Howard was president the club won the American Numismatic Association's top prize for local exhibits during National Coin Week. In the 1960s token collecting was popular in Anchorage with perhaps at least half the club members interested in collecting Alaska tokens and/or medals. Club members Kay Fernald and Kay McDowell compiled one of the early Alaska token books in 1965 - *"Rubles to Statehood Catalog of Alaskan Numismatics."*

I inadvertently made a contribution to Howard's collection as a result of a trip I made to Nome in 1969. I tracked down a fellow who had a bag of old Nome bar tokens, but the bag was locked in a Wells Fargo strong box and he had misplaced his key. I gave him my business card and he said after he found the key he would bring the tokens on his next trip to Anchorage. Unfortunately for me, by the time he located the key he had lost my business card and forgotten my name. When he got to Anchorage with the tokens he asked around and someone told him the guy that owned the downtown Chevron station collected Alaska tokens. Howard ended up with some nice Nome area tokens as additions to his collection.

After Howard passed away in 1994, Kaye Dethridge purchased Howard's collection from his estate and Howard's tokens have been redistributed among a number of Alaska token collectors. Howard had a four drawer cabinet in the corner of his den at home which was filled with Alaska tokens and a large number of duplicates of some of the tokens. Readers of ATC&PN may not realize it but they have at least one item in their collection from that four drawer cabinet (in addition to any Howard's Service tokens they may have). At Kaye's 90th birthday bash, he gave Dick Hanscom a number of coupon books from Howard's cabinet which Dick passed on as a gift to his readers.

PALMERS BAR - MAKING THE CASE FOR KNIK



Ed. Note: J.D. Williams expands on his comments on Palmers Bar in the previous article.

In the article about Howard Thew which focused on his background and the Howard's Service tokens he issued, I mentioned that Howard considered the 12½¢ Palmers Bar token to be a highlight of his Alaska token collection. Although more than 50 years ago Howard attributed the token to Knik, Alaska, Ron Benice deferred listing it in his Alaska tokens catalog until 2010 when he released the third edition. And in that listing Benice stated "Attribution speculative" and noted that "Token design and legend 'trade check' atypical for Alaska."



Although "trade check" is atypical for Alaska, it does appear on one of the Valdez Copper Block Buffet tokens which Benice dates to 1907-1917 and the words



"trade" and "check" appear on the Gakona Station tokens which were used from 1905 to 1906. Tokencatalog.com attributes the Palmers Bar to Montana. So what do we really know if we take a closer look at the situation?

As part of Anchorage's Golden Anniversary in 1970 Howard set up a display of more than 900 of his tokens at the 4th Avenue branch of the National Bank of Alaska, which display he kept up for some time afterwards. From Howard's standpoint the highlight of the display was the Palmers Bar token which at that time

was the only one known to exist. In a November 27, 1970 Anchorage Daily News story Howard told a reporter that the token "had been found only a few weeks ago at Knik," and that "the Knik trade token was dug up in an old dump at Knik by Gene Chapman. A brass token, it is inscribed as a 12½ cents trade check for Palmer's Bar." The actual printing on Howard's token omits the apostrophe. Gene Chapman and his wife Pat were collectors who lived in the Mountain View section of Anchorage. Pat's collecting specialty was Carnival Glass.



Although the Palmers Bar token is referred to as being made of white metal in Benice's catalog as well as when Howard's token was pictured in ATC&PN, Howard always considered it to be a brass token and the color of Howard's token when it was sold on eBay appears to support that view.

Another Palmers Bar token pictured in tokencatalog.com is clearly not white metal. It may only be the result of lighting, but it appears to be bronze or copper rather than brass like Howard's although it was apparently struck from the same die as Howard's token.

As noted above, tokencatalog.com attributes the token to Montana but there is really little if any support for such an attribution. W.H. (Bill) Rouleau, the collector submitting the attribution has since passed away, but the facts are that he submitted it as possibly coming from two different towns in Montana, which in itself indicates the attribution is largely a guess. In addition, he acquired Lew Egnew's Montana collection. According to Kern Wilson, Egnew was known for generous attributions by simply finding a town directory listing that matched or closely matched the name on a maverick token. Kern Wilson is unsure whether the attributions by Rouleau were the result of simply accepting what Egnew said or the result of also only using a town directory to attribute a maverick.

Roy Rubick, who authored the Montana Token Collector's Reference Manual, declined to list the

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Palmer's Bar token as being from Montana as he saw no factual basis for such a listing. Likewise Kern Wilson, who spends his time between Montana and Alaska and writes a column for NTCA (the National Token Collectors Association) which includes comments about early tokens that have been for sale on the Internet, does not believe the token can be attributed to Montana for similar reasons as to why Benice questions it being from Alaska: its atypical design, no other Montana token using the same reverse, and the fact that the tokencatalog.com contributor was known for loose attributions.

So while Benice may be correct to question the Alaska attribution, Alaska has more going for it than Montana. After all Thew's token was actually found in Knik and as Kaye Dethridge pointed out, an Alaska History magazine cover story article on George Palmer notes that he had a saloon at Knik. Palmer not only opened a bar in Knik in 1906, he also had a heavy drinking problem at the saloon. One year he drank so much that he failed to order any merchandise to restock his general merchandise store and had to suspend store operations for awhile. Perhaps that is what led to Palmer selling the bar. As Dick Hanscom noted, in 1914 Palmer (after whom the city Palmer is named) sold the saloon. The new owner erected a new building later that same year. Palmer's general merchandise store and 10 connecting buildings featured a sign on the main store that read "G.W. Palmer," however numerous newspaper ads in 1913 referred to the business enterprise as "Palmer's", so the Palmers name was definitely used in Knik.

In 1918 a fire swept through Palmer's general merchandise building and attached buildings destroying all of them and that was the end of Palmer's business in Knik. He later established stores on the Kenai Peninsula.

In 1918 Palmer formed a partnership with Elmer Hemrich to build and operate a cannery at Snug Harbor on Chisik Island across Cook Inlet from Ninilchik on the Kenai Peninsula. The April 14, 1919 issue of The Alaska Daily Empire reported that "Mr. Hemrich and Mr. Palmer are investing several hundred thousand dollars in the Snug Harbor venture and they expect to put up a large pack this year." Alvin Hemrich was president of Surf Packing Co. and his son Elmer was in charge of a 50 man crew building the plant at Snug Harbor and became general manager of the plant.

Palmer moved to Snug Harbor and also erected and ran a general merchandise store there. Surf Packing Co. issued a \$1 token at Snug Harbor (B-3a). As pointed out by Benice, Surf Packing Co. was only in business for a couple years. It was a financial failure. Palmer sold his interest to Pioneer Canneries in 1921 and later that year Hemrich, without Palmer's financial backing, lost the cannery in a foreclosure by the Bank of Alaska.

With Howard's Palmers Bar token having been actually found in Knik and Palmer having used the Palmer's name in advertising his general merchandise and related businesses, the words trade and check and trade check, although not common, having been used on other Alaska tokens in the early 1900s, and Palmer being known to have been involved in at least one other Alaska business that issued tokens, it appears there is a reasonable basis for Howard Thew's enthusiasm for his Palmers Bar token being from Knik.

Collectors also seem to be voting in favor of Howard's attribution, as the ATC&PN, eBay Prices Realized 1999-1923 reflects that Howard's token and one other example sold for \$960 and \$1,275.

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THE BINGLE IS BACK!



THE BINGLE WAS A FORM OF CURRENCY WHEN THE COLONISTS SETTLED IN PALMER AND WAS ORIGINALLY DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA RURAL REHABILITATION CORPORATION FOR USE IN THE COMMISSARY. WE ARE BRINGING THEM BACK TO HELP OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. THEY CAN ONLY BE USED IN PARTICIPATING PALMER BUSINESSES AND WILL BE GIVEN OUT AS ONE OF OUR TOP PRIZES FOR OUR FALL RAFFLE!

by J.D. Williams

Most collectors are aware of the metal tokens, often referred to as bingles, issued in various denominations by the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation in 1935-36 for use at its store by the Matanuska Valley Colony settlers which the government brought to Alaska to engage in farming. Since the tokens were issued by the U.S. government and are listed in the Red Book they are collected by coin collectors as well as token collectors. The ARRC tokens command a much higher price than other Alaska trade tokens that are available in similar quantities. Less well known are the wood bingles issued by the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's decision to issue the wood bingles was inspired by the ARRC tokens. The issuance of the bingles was part of the Shop Palmer program aimed at increasing trade with local merchants. Accordingly, besides saying Palmer Bingle and the Good for in Trade denomination on the obverse, the bingles on the reverse state the Chamber's full name, year of issuance and bingle expiration date along with the slogan Shop Palmer Alaska/Keep It Local.

The first year of issuance of the wood bingles was 2020 and they show an expiration date of 12-31-21 and were issued in the denominations of \$5, \$20 and \$25. The second year's wood bingles have a 12-31-22 expiration date and came in denominations of \$5 and \$20. Ailis Vann who was then the Executive Director of the Palmer Chamber sketched out the designs for the wood bingles and placed an order for them with Chamber member Silvertip Design. Todd Richards, the brother of the then owner of Silvertip Design, refined the designs and produced the wood bingles with his laser engraving equipment.

The first year of issuance of the wood bingles features the Palmer water tower which is also part of the Chamber's Facebook logo. The second year of issue was intended to depict Pioneer Peak in Palmer. According to Vann the \$5 and \$20 bingles were produced each year in roughly equal quantities, whereas the \$25 was a separate later

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order placed during the first year for a smaller quantity than the other denominations. Although one newspaper account states that 30,000 woods were produced, that report is in error and what Vann intended to convey to the reporter was that approximately \$30,000 worth of wood bingles were spent with Palmer merchants during the first year of the program.

In addition to selling the bingles at its office and at its booth during Colony Days and Colony Christmas, during the years the Shop Palmer bingle program was in effect, the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce distributed the bingles through various drawings with bingles awarded as prizes. Entries for each drawing were made by shoppers collecting ten stamps to be placed on a Shop Palmer card. Each printing of the Shop Palmer bingle drawing cards contained a current list of participating merchants. Cards for collecting stamps were available from each participating merchant and each merchant would furnish one stamp for every \$10 spent with that merchant. Completed cards containing ten stamps were deposited in collection boxes placed on the counters of participating merchants. Prior to each drawing the cards from all collection boxes would be picked up by the Chamber.



Palmer Chamber

Dec 17, 2021 •

Hey Everyone! This is YOUR LAST WEEKEND to fill out those #ShopPalmer cards. You have until close of business on Monday, December 20th to get 'em filled. We will be doing 2 drawings next Tuesday or Wednesday for \$500 and the grand prize of \$1000 in Palmer Bingles.

Participating Businesses

1023 Diesel & Fleet	Mat-Su Line-X*
203 Kombucha	Midnight Sun Yoga
Aktive Soles	Misfit Consignment
Alaska Picker	NAPA Auto Parts*
Dackcountry Dike & Ski	NonEssentials
Big Dipper Ice Cream	Northern Lilly
Bishop's Attic*	Palmer Alehouse
Bleeding Heart Brewery	Palmer Bar
Botanical Rhapsody*	Palmer Museum
Cobb Street Market	Paradise Tanning*
The Connoisseur Lounge	Peak Boutique
Country Cannabls	Pizza Athena
Dream Nails & Spa	Pizzaria Delphi*
Esthetics by Heather	Poppy Lane Mercantile
Farmersdottir	Purple Moose Espresso
Fireside Books	Scrub-A-Mutt
Flower Flingers	Silvertip Design
The Gallery	Totally Photo
Homespun Alley	Turkey Red
Humdinger's Pizza	Vagabond Blues
Hydrate AK*	Valley Hotel
Idita Wash	Whimsy Gift Shop
Just Sew	Wood & Wire

*Please note that only the Palmer locations of these businesses are valid for this program.
Thank you for supporting locally owned small businesses. These business owners are our neighbors, friends, family, and community members.
#shoplocal #shoppalmer #ilovepalmer

Name: _____

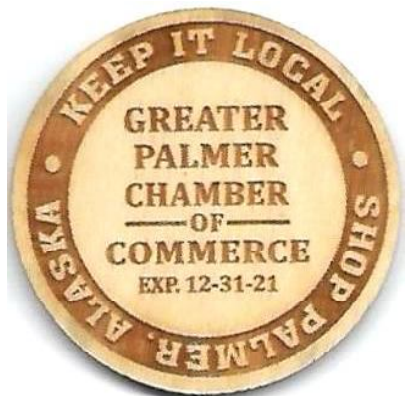
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Entries will be accepted no later than December 20th at end of business hours.
Entries will be collected at start of business on December 21st.

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For questions or comments, please call the CPCC at 745-2880 or email info@palmerchamber.org



The first drawing was on November 28, 2020 for \$250 in bingles and by the end of the holiday season a total of \$2,500 in bingles had been awarded as prizes including the grand prize of \$1,000 in bingles. For the Love of Palmer drawings were scheduled in February 2021. The Chamber's last bingle award drawings were held from November 20 to December 20, 2021. There were a

2020 \$5, \$20 and \$25 issues

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total of five drawings with weekly drawings for \$500 in bingles and a chance for all prior participants to win \$1,000 in bingles at the final drawing.

The Shop Palmer drawings in 2022 involved the award of \$500 gift cards at local merchants instead of the award of bingles since the bingles issued in 2021 expired at the end of 2022 and winners late in the year would not have much time to spend the bingles.

Ailis Vann reports that as the tokens were redeemed with the Chamber they would be reissued to other purchasers. With the change in leadership at the Palmer Chamber only time will tell if there may be future issues of wood bingles. I did tell the Chamber that an article about the tokens would be appearing in ATC&PN and asked if the Chamber had any tokens it was willing to sell to collectors and was told that the Chamber prefers not to be contacted by collectors as it does not have any tokens available. Even when the program was active the Chamber specified in its store listing that purchased tokens had to be picked up from the Chamber office and that mail service was not available.

Collectors should note that the wood token depicted in the Chamber's 2020 announcement "The Bingle is Back!" (shown at the beginning of this article) does not actually exist. The depicted token does not contain an expiration date and lacks the stars and background of the final design. Ailis Vann told me the picture the Chamber used was an early computer generated representation of the token.

The bingles were accepted in payment at 36 merchant members of the Palmer Chamber at the start of the program and by the end of the program there were 50 Palmer merchant participants. The Chamber's October 1, 2020 announcement stated that the tokens "are available in \$20 and \$5 increments. They make great gift[s] themselves, and are a great way to show your support for local businesses. Even purchasing the Bingle for a keepsake is a way to support local, as they are 100% made in Palmer." As noted above, during the first year of the program a later order for a \$25 denomination was also placed with Silvertip.



2021 \$5 and \$20 issues

The wood bingles are 3mm thick although with laser engraving the thickness varies throughout the design. The ones issued in 2020 are 51mm in diameter, while the ones issued in 2021 are 49mm in diameter. The wood bingles should eventually show up for sale on eBay and other secondary markets as many were not redeemed.

References: Chamber connects local businesses and shoppers through Bingles and Shop Palmer program, Mat-Su Frontiersman, November 26, 2021; Palmer Chamber brings back historic currency to encourage local shopping, Mat-Su Frontiersman, November 13, 2020; Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce website, Facebook posts and news releases.

D.A. EPSTEYN

JUNEAU B-20

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, April 23, 1906.

D.A. Epsteyn, the well known citizen of Juneau, associated with Douglas Ledbetter and E.L. Wallace in the mercantile brokerage business, is at the Fifth Avenue hotel. In addition to his brokerage business Mr. Epsteyn is one of Juneau's leading merchants.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, May 30, 1906.

D.A. Epsteyn, the Juneau merchant broker arrived on the Humboldt last night and will leave on the train tomorrow for a three month tour of the interior cities in the interest of his firm. He will visit all important points in the district, including Fairbanks and Nome.

Reports of Mr. Epsteyn's yearly trips in to the interior continue for several years.

Daily Alaskan, Skagway, May 5, 1910.

DAVID IS VERY OPTIMISTIC

David Epsteyn, the veteran commercial broker, who is known from Nome to San Francisco will leave in a day or two for Fairbanks and other towns on his annual visit in the interests of the concerns he represents

Speaking of the outlook for this season Mr. Epsteyn said: "It look better to me than ever. .I think that Alaska is on the eve of a great wave of prosperity, and through the publicity that has been given Alaska by the magazines and coal land investigation capital will seek investment here. Any one with a good proposition can get financed.

Douglas Island News, January 24, 1912.

The Admiralty Trading and Packing Co., an organization of Juneau and Portland capitalists, will build a cannery this spring at Gambier Bay. David Epsteyn, W.F. Gilmour and Chas. Goldstein are the Juneau investors.

Daily Alaskan Empire, Juneau, November 21, 1912.
FEARS MAD RUSH FROM OUTSIDE TO THIS SECTION

Dave Epsteyn, of the firm of Epsteyn, Gilmour & Company, arrived on the Spokane this morning from Seattle.

Mr. Epsteyn says that there is such excitement in Seattle over the Juneau outlook and that there will be a great rush to this place in the early spring.

From the talk around the Seattle hotels, the half of Iditarod's last population will migrate to Juneau in the spring and many old Nomeites are coming. The adjacent territory will certainly have a thorough prospecting when that bunch of rustlers gets here.

Alaskan Daily Empire, March 20, 1915.

The news of the death of David A. Epsteyn at Los Angeles Thursday came as a distinct shock to the people of Juneau, notwithstanding that they had been prepared for it by his long illness, and the announcement that he had taken a turn for the worse. But Mr. Epsteyn had been identified with Juneau and so much that is best in the North for many years that it was difficult to realize that he had gone to return no more.

Dave Epsteyn was public-spirited and always took a lively interest in everything that concerned Juneau and Alaska. He was devoted to the little city which he had witnessed grow from a village to its present importance and his pride in it knew no bounds.

And he was a good citizen in every sense of the word. A careful and able business man, one who was loyal and generous and true in his friendships, a husband and father who loved his home, his was that character of citizenship that we need most.

The widow and son and daughter have the sympathy of the hosts who knew their dead and loved him, too, and who will not cease to mourn his departure.

Valdez Daily Prospector, March 23, 1915.

D.A. EPSTEYN GOES TO FINAL REWARD

David A. Epsteyn, a resident of Juneau for the past seventeen years, and a member of the firm of Gilmour & Epsteyn, died in Los Angeles on March 19, a victim of Bright's disease. He was one of the best known and most popular business men of Alaska and known all along the coast.

Mr. Epsteyn first came to Alaska in 1898 and became identified with S. Blum & Co. store in Juneau, as a clerk, and for some time acted as manager for A.L. Levy & Co. in Valdez, predecessors of the mercantile and banking firm of S. Blum & Co. Deceased leaves a widow and two children. His partner in the Juneau brokerage business, William F. Gilmour, died last summer.

Ron Benice states that the only known example of this token was in the Ray Mansfield collection.

O.K.'S PLACE

Petersburg B-7

Ole K. Lien does not show up in the LoC very often, but when he does it is mostly for hunting and fishing.

Wrangell Sentinel, June 21, 1928.

Paul Lund, Ole Lien, Sam Gauffin, Wayne Walther and Charles Greenaa returned last Sunday from Colp's Lake with over 500 trout as the result of a few hours' fishing.

The Alaskan, Petersburg, August 17, 1928.

A group of rod and gun sports of Petersburg, Elsemore, C.E. Swanson, Ole Lien, C. Clausen, Sam Gauffin, and others went down to Blind Slough and put up a hunting cabin for use this fall. Lookout ducks.

Wrangell Sentinel, November 22, 1928.

DROWNED WHILE DUCK HUNTING

Paul Lund and Chester M. Holm were drowned when the small skiff in which they were entering Blind Slough (Mitkoff Island) on a hunting trip was swamped at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Three members of the party, Sam Gauffin, Ole Lien and Charles Grennaa swam ashore, but Holm and Lund, heavily laden with shotgun shells were unable to make it.

Seward Daily Gateway, November 25, 1931.

A car driven by Eugene Torkelson, with Ole Lien and Conrad Lee, skidded off the plank street at Petersburg and went over a steep embankment down to the beach. Aside from a few cuts and a general shake-up the occupants escaped uninjured, reports the Petersburg Press.

Wrangell Sentinel, September 28, 1951.

HUNTERS ON STIKINE

...One moose was taken by Petersburg hunters Ole Lien and Ed Dahleary in the week. This brings the total season take for Petersburg to date at three.



OSCAR OHMAN

YUKON BAR, JUNEAU B-73

OHMAN'S HALL

OSCAR OHMAN, Proprietor

The SAMPLE ROOM of Douglas—A full line of the Finest CIGARS

Always on Hand.

"THE LARGEST HALL IN ALASKA"

THIRD STREET

DOUGLAS

Douglas Miner, August 26, 1896.

Alaska Daily Empire, April 13, 1915.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP



To Whom It May Concern

Take notice that the partnership heretofore existing being known as Oscar Ohman & Co., the individual members of said firm being Oscar Ohman and Victor Bohlin, is hereby by mutual consent dissolved. This is to include the Yukon bar and property thereto belonging. Victor Bohlin takes over the business and the property. All accounts due the said firm must be paid (with one agreed upon exception) to Victor Bohlin, and all debts against and owing by said firm are assumed and are to be collected from Victor Bohlin

Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of April, A.D. 1915.

Oscar Ohman
Victor Bohlin

Douglas Island News, October 13, 1916.

HERE 37 YEARS AGO

Oscar Ohman who was in Douglas 37 years ago, having arrived in 1879, and who at one time owned nearly all the property on lower Third street in the vicinity of the Third Street Market, will leave on the first boat for the westward to look after interests owned by him at Cordova. Mr. Ohman spent several years on the Yukon river, first at Circle City and later at Dawson. He still has property at the former point.

TOKENS FROM THE ARTICLES

ANCHORAGE

Howard's Service, set of 3, brass	15.00
Totem Coin Club, 2nd State Coin Conven., set of 3; silver, bronze, aluminum	30.00

McCARTHY

Golden Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a	xx.xx
As above, 25¢	xx.xx

PETERSBURG

OK's Place, 10¢, B-7b	25.00
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VALDEZ

Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢ TC, B-4a	50.00
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OTHER TOKENS FOR SALE

FORT YUKON

Carny & Irvin, 25¢, B-1a, bent	65.00
H.E. Carter, 50¢, B-3c	350.00
Fort Yukon Hotel, 25¢, B-4a	25.00
As above, corroded.	10.00

GAMBELL

Reindeer Commercial Co., set of 8, 1¢ to \$10, B-1 a-h	135.00
As above, 1¢, B-1a	3.00
As Above, 5¢, B-1b	5.00
As above, 10¢, B-1c	5.00
As above, 25¢, B-1d	8.00
As above, 50¢, B-1e	10.00
As above, \$1, B-1f	20.00
As above, \$5, B-1g	40.00

HOMER

Bayside Lounge, 50¢, B-1a	25.00
Homer Club, 50¢, B-2a	80.00

HOONAH

Hoonah Packing Co., 5¢, B-1a	25.00
As above, 10¢, B-1b	25.00
As above, 25¢, B-1c	25.00
As above, 50¢, B-1dI	30.00
As above, 50¢, B-1dII	40.00
As above, \$1, B-1e	40.00
Icy Straits Salmon Co., set of 4, 10¢ to \$1, B-2 a-d.	165.00
As above, 10¢, B-2a	30.00
As above, 50¢, B-2c	40.00

HYDER

The Bungalow, set of 3, 25¢ to \$1, B-2 a-c	100.00
As above, 25¢, B-2a	15.00
As above, 50¢, B-2b	15.00
Northern Pool Hall, 25¢, B-4b	75.00

JUNEAU

Burford's Corner, 50¢, B-12c	20.00
Elks Club, 12½¢, B-19bI	25.00
Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-29a	12.00
Imperial Pool Parlor, 5¢, B-30a	15.00
Tom George, set of 2, 50¢ and \$1, B-23 a+b	10.00
The Mecca, 6¼¢, B-50b	160.00
New York Exchange, 6¼¢, B-53bI	20.00
As above, 6¼¢, B-53bIII	20.00
As above, 10¢, B-53cI	20.00
Occidental Bar, 12½¢, B-55a	50.00
"S" in diamond, 6¼¢, B-64a	150.00
San Francisco Bakery, 1 sm lf, B-65a	60.00
Snake Pit Downs, 25¢, B-66a	200.00

KETCHIKAN

Abercrombie's, set of 3; 2,4,8¢, B-1 a-c	120.00
As above, 2¢, B-1a	10.00
As above, 8¢, B-1c	10.00
Blue Fox Pup, set of 4; 5¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1, B-6, a,c,d,e	55.00
FOE (Eagles), Mon-Thurs, B-14a	5.00
The Hub, 25¢, B-19a	5.00
Katchikan Pharmacy, 5¢, B-22a, corroded	100.00
T.N. Kushi, 5¢, B-27a	30.00
As above, 25¢, B-27b	30.00
Lange's, set of 4; 10¢, 25¢ and (2) \$1, B-29 a-d	65.00
As above, \$1 only, B-29d	20.00
Lotus Buffet, 6¼¢, B-31c	45.00
Lucky Spot, 10¢, B-32b	25.00
As above, 25¢, B-32c	25.00
The Mint, 12½¢, B-33a	25.00
Nelson Hotel, \$1, B-34b	25.00
Pastime Cigar Store, 5¢, B-40a	5.00
As above, 25¢, B-40c	5.00
"P", set of 3; 10, 25 and 100 points B-41 a-c	25.00
The Pioneer, B. Barclay, 5¢, B-42a	30.00
As above, 25¢, B-42b	75.00
Pioneer Bar, 10 Points, B-43a	
Pioneer Bar Cardroom, R+C, set of 3; 10, 25 and 100 Points, B-44 b,d,e	30.00
As above, 100 Points only, B-44c	8.00
Pioneer Pool Hall, T&M, \$1, B-46c	15.00
Pioneer Pool Room, 10¢, B-47a	25.00

TOKENS FOR SALE, CONT.

KETCHICKAN, cont.

Quality Bakery, 1 sm loaf, B-48	45.00
Scoug's Place, set of 3: 25¢, 50¢ and \$1, B-56, b-d	30.00
As above, 12½¢, B-56a	200.00
Stedman Hotel, 12½¢, B-60aI	30.00
as above with counterstamp, B-60aII	30.00
as above, 12½¢ brass, B-60bII	35.00
as above, set of 3 cardboard, 25¢, B-60c I, II, III	50.00

KIVALINA

Reindeer & Trading Co., 5¢, B-1aI	5.00
As above, B-1aII	5.00

KOBUK

Harry Brown, 25¢, B-1a	10.00
as above, 50¢, B-1b	10.00

Kodiak

B&B, booze or beer, B-1c	10.00
Mecca Bar, \$1, B-9b	8.00

KOTZEBUE

Ferguson Stores, set of 3, B-1 a-c	100.00
NCO A-Go-Go, 25¢, B-2c	15.00

KOYUKUK

Vernetti, set of 6: 12½¢, 50¢, \$1, \$5, \$10, B-3, a, c-f	135.00
As above, 25¢ is holed	100.00
As above, but no 25¢	95.00

KWIGUK

Alstrom, set of 6; 25¢ to (2) \$10, B-1a-f, 25¢ has holes, 50¢ and \$ are worn.	100.00
as above, \$1, B-1c, worn	12.00
as above, \$1, B-1c, damaged	8.00
as above, \$5, B-1d	15.00
as above, \$10, B-1f, red fiber	12.00

LATOUCHE

Board of Trade, 6¼¢, B-1a	200.00
J.W. Little, 12½¢ Native Copper, B-2a	195.00

LONG

Edw. C. Willis, Bingle Long, 25¢, B-2a	50.00
as above, 50¢, B-2b	75.00

McCARTHY

Golden Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a	25.00
Johnson Hotel, 12½¢, B-4a	35.00
Gustave Priesner, 10¢, B-5bII	150.00

MILLER HOUSE

Miller House Bar, one drink, B-1a	10.00
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MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Sheppard Trading, set of 6, B-1, a-f	110.00
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NENANA

Alfred PJ Ghezzi, 25¢, B-3aII	25.00
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NOME

New Lincoln Bar, 50¢, B-36a	35.00
North Pole Bakery, 10¢ on meal ticket, B-39b, a bit rough	100.00
Polet Stores, set of 4 fiber, B-41, bdfi	45.00
As above, 5¢ red fiber, B-41b	10.00
As above, 25¢ gray fiber, B-41f	10.00
As above, \$1 green fiber, B-41i	15.00
As above 50¢ alum., B-41g	50.00
As above, \$1, B-41h	75.00

NOORVIK

Cooperative Store, set of 5; 10¢-\$5, B-1 b-f	100.00
As above, 10¢, B-1b	10.00
As above, 25¢, B-1c	10.00
As above, 50¢, B-1d	10.00
As above, \$1, B-1e	15.00

PALMER

Palmer Moose, 50¢, B-2a	20.00
as above, B-2b	20.00
Palmer Bar, 50¢, B-4b	25.00
Palmer Elks Club, 50¢, B-6a	20.00

PETERSBURG

OK's Place, 10¢ B-7b	25.00
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PORT ALEXANDER

Knute Dalsbo, 5¢, B-2a	60.00
as above, 25¢, B-2c	60.00
Pastime Care Room, 5¢, B-5a	125.00
John Jacobsen, 12½¢, B-3a	20.00
as above, 50¢, B-3b	20.00
T.J. Jacobsen, 50¢, B-4a	20.00
as above, \$1, B-4b	20.00

TOKENS FOR SALE, CONT.

SAVOONGA

Reindeer Comm. Co., set of 8, B-1 a-h	xx.xx
As above, 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, each	5.00
As above, 50¢	8.00
As above, \$1	10.00

SELAVIK

Louis Rotman, set of 3, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.	
B-1 a-c, \$1 is bent.	xx.xx
As above, 25¢, B-1a	xx.xx
As above, 50¢, B-1b	xx.xx

SELDOVIA

Cash Store, 5¢, B-5a

SHISHMAREF

Native Store, set of 5, 5¢ to \$1, B-1a-f	xx.xx
As above, any denomination, each	10.00

SITKA

American Legion, set of 3; 25¢, \$1 and \$5,	
B-2 a-c	10.00
As above, 25¢, B-2a	10.00
As above, \$5, B-2c	25.00

Elks Club, set of 3, 50¢, \$1 and \$5, B-7a-c,	
Alaska Day, 1957	45.00
As above, \$5, B-7c	25.00
R. Witz, 5¢, B-17a	65.00

SKAGWAY

J.F. Anderson, 6¼¢, B-1a	xx.xx
B.P.O.E. (Elks), no. denom., B-2a	xx.xx
As above, B-2b	xx.xx
Board of Trade, 6¼¢, B-4bI	xx.xx
As above, 12½¢, B-4d, From the Land of Gold...	xx.xx
Perry Hern, 12½¢, Set of 3, B-12 a-c	10.00
As above, any variety, Each	5.00
Idaho Saloon, set of 3, 10¢, 12½¢, 25¢,	
B-14 a-c	xx.xx
McCreedy & Elliott, set of 7, 5¢-\$10, B-16a-f	
As above, 10¢, B-16b	10.00
As above, 25¢, B-16c	10.00
Mascotte, 5¢, B-17a	xx.xx
Mascot Saloon, 12½¢, B-17c	xx.xx

Seattle Saloon, 12½¢, B-23a	xx.xx
Shamrock Beer Parlor, 12½¢, B-24a	xx.xx

SNUG HARBOR

Pioneer Canneries, \$1.25 box, B-2a	xx.xx
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TALKEETNA

B.N. Pool Room, 12½¢, B-1aI	xx.xx
As above, B-1a	xx.xx
Fairview Inn, 12½¢, B-2a	xx.xx
H.W.N., set of 2, 25¢ and 50¢, B-3 a+b	xx.xx
As above, 50¢, B-3b	xx.xx

TELLER

North Star Mercantile, 25¢. B-2b	xx.xx
As above, 50¢, B-2c	xx.xx
As above, \$1, B-2d	xx.xx
Teller Comm. Co., set of 4, 5¢-\$1, B-3 a-d	xx.xx

TENAKEE

Tillicum Club, 6¼¢, B-5a	xxx.xx
As above, 12½¢, B-5b	xx.xx

THANE

A.G.M. Club Room, 12½¢, B-1a	xx.xx
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TONSINA

Jake Nafsted, 12½¢, B-1a, Native Copper	xx.xx
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VALDEZ

Copper Block Buffet, 12½¢, B-4a	xx.xx
As above, 12½¢, B-4b	xx.xx
I & B, no denomination, B-9a, corr.	xx.xx
Northern Hotel, 6¼¢, B-15a	xx.xx
Pinzon, 5¢, B-16aII	xx.xx
As above, 12½¢, B-16b	xx.xx
As above, 15¢, B-16cI	xx.xx
Valdez Hotel, 6¼¢, B-21a	xx.xx

WRANGELL

Ft. Wrangel Beer Parlor, 5¢, B-3a	xxx.xx
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YES BAY

Alaska Pacific Fisheries, 5¢, B-3a	xx.xx
As above, 10¢, B-3b	xx.xx
As above, \$1, B-3e	xx.xx

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MODERN TOKENS & MEDALS

CORDOVA

Chamber of Commerce, Ice Worm Festival, 8 bits
(trade dollar), 39mm brass **8.00**

EAGLE RIVER

Subway, Bear Paw Festival, blk on wood **5.00**
Homestead Lounge, 1 drink, 34mm, brass **8.00**

EIELSON AFB

354th Fighter Wing Challenge Coin, brz. 40mm **8.00**

FAIRBANKS

A-67 Pioneer Memorial Park, set of silver and
bronze. **25.00**
Alaska Goldpanners, Midnight Sun Game,
Brass, 32mm, 1992 **5.00**
As above, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999,
2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007 each **5.00**
Alaska Oil, bronze with empty vial **10.00**
Alaska Token Collector & Polar Numismatist,
Good for 3 issues, 1981, blue on yel 42mm **2.00**
American Legion Post 11, \$1, brs, 35mm **8.00**
Arctic Pancake House, \$1, 1980 42mm plas. **2.00**
Barnette Elem. School Christmas Bazaar, 1980
42mm red on white plas. **2.00**
Boatel Bar, (drink), white on blue plas 39mm **5.00**
Chamber of Commerce 1959 trade Dollar **1.00**
Coin Shop, 25¢, brass 22mm **2.00**
Coin Shop, Gold Nugget Token, 1980, gold on
blue plastic 42mm **3.00**
Comet Club, drink, blue on 42mm **8.00**
As above, large letters **8.00**
Courtney Court, Good Luck, brs 28mm **2.00**
As above, TUIT, blk on yellow 42mm **2.00**
Elongated Cent: Welcome to Alaska, Fairbanks **3.00**
Eskimo Olympics, 1965, sil & brz set **25.00**
As above, 1966 **25.00**
As above, 1967 **25.00**
Fairbanks Coin Club Pioneer Medals
(1972) Bartlett, 1973 Lathrop, 1975 Wien,
1976 Reves, 1977 Creamers, 1978 Seppala,
1979 Nerland, 1980 Wickersham.
Bronze, each **5.00**
Fairbanks Coin Club 50¢ on membership, gold
on white plas, 42mm **2.00**
Fairbanks/Nenana Flood, Silver, Brz and Alum.

Set of 3 **25.00**
Lens Unlimited, Stu Rothman, 42mm plas **2.00**
Midnite Mine, drink, wht on blue plas.28mm **5.00**
North Star Car Wash, Wash & Wax, blk on
blue plastic, 42mm with raised rim **5.00**
Pastime Bar, set of 5: (2) 75¢, 90¢, and (2)
\$1, all different. 39mm plastic **25.00**
Rare Coin Gallery of Alaska, 1976 **1.00**
Sourdough Fuel, 3¢ discount. 42mm plas. **3.00**
Wild Bill's Saloon, prepaid drink, brs, 31mm **8.00**

FORT WAINWRIGHT/EIELSON AFB

One Hair Cut, 1967 PC, brass, 37mm **8.00**

FOX

Turtle Club, drink, blk on white, 39mm **8.00**

HAINES

Chamber of Commerce trade dollar, 1979-81,
Chilkat Chief & Sheldon Jackson, brx **8.00**

HOPE

1894 Gold Rush, 1967PC, Brz., 40mm **5.00**
1895 Gold Rush, 1967PC, 2 pcs. 34mm brs.
40mm cupronickel. **12.00**

JUNEAU

Alaska State Capital, alum. 39mm, 1969 **3.00**
As above, gold alum. **3.00**
Alaska Gold Rush/Juneau, with front and
back of gold panner, 38mm brass **6.00**
Elks, 1968, bronze, 32mm **5.00**
Plastic Trade Dollars, 1967PC set of 3 **5.00**
Juneau, Alaska's Capital, brz. 40mm **4.00**
Lucky Lady Bar, one drink, wht on grn 32mm **5.00**

KENAI

Eadies, 1973, \$1.50 brass, 32mm **5.00**
As above, \$2, 1974 **5.00**
As above, \$2, 1977 **5.00**
As above, \$3, 1978 **6.00**
As above, \$5, 1981 **6.00**
As above, \$6, 1982 **6.00**
As above, \$7.50, 1985 **7.00**
As above, Good luck 1988 **5.00**
As above, Kenai Bicentennial 1991 **7.00**

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